

SERVE THE CITY REVISITED

We as a congregation are involved with an ecumenical venture in Cedar Rapids called Serve The City. This has been and still is a rather exciting work among around 40 churches of various denominations and fellowships geared to reaching this community through three primary emphases: prayer, care, and share. This includes congregations such as First Lutheran, St. Mark Lutheran, Encounter Christian, First Assembly of God, Calvary Baptist, Mt. Zion Baptist, and many others.

However, as time goes on and we focus on the usual (and unusual) church activities, it is easy to forget what this is all about. So, here is a little reminder of our involvement in Serve The City, and an invitation to get personally involved in some of the opportunities to serve through this exciting interchurch project.

We spent our first year in this project enlisting people to pray for their families and neighbors. This, as you know, was visually highlighted through the use of the large mural (hanging now on the west wall of the narthex) of downtown Cedar Rapids. There have been amazing stories of how God has worked in the lives of those who are named on the mural. We are now in the second year, where we are emphasizing doing tangible actions that show care for our families and neighbors. The third year we will be working with our partner churches to put together a large event that will present an opportunity for people to become followers of Jesus Christ, and help connect people with services in our community that are relevant to their needs.

The overall purpose is to reach out to our communities with love in demonstrative ways so that we build credibility with our non-Christian friends and neighbors. With this credibility, we hope to utilize these connections with our communities as bridges to share the Good News of Jesus with those who do not yet know Him as their Lord and Savior.

One reason I am highlighting our involvement in Serve The City is that throughout the remainder of this year, we will be asking many of our members to become involved with training events that will equip them to do the many different things needed to prepare for next year's big event. This will be sometime in June 2008, and will give all the churches involved many opportunities to "share" their faith in Christ by helping people in their needs.

Right now, Serve The City will need at least 1000 volunteers, so please consider where God may be calling you to help in this event. But remember, keep on praying for the names on the mural, and keep looking for simple ways to show care to your family and friends.

In Christ's Peace,

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Birthdays

6 th	Scott VandeZandschulp
6 th	James MacDougall
10 th	Marlus Grimm
11 th	Diane Van Wyk
11 th	Richard Ransom
11 th	Brian Hess
12 th	Dale Beltz
14 th	Wendy Walton
14 th	Regina Theiss
15 th	Donald Zahradnik
15 th	Pamela Schulz
21 st	Francis Carnahan
26 th	Bobby Bean
26 th	Dolores Miessner
28 th	Jennifer Jackson
29 th	Chris Jackson
30 th	Jackie Jackson

Storm warning

Stop telling God how big your storm is; instead, tell the storm how big your God is!



Congratulations
ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

18th	Steve & Jill Brimeyer	15
28th	Jeff & Pam Schulz	28



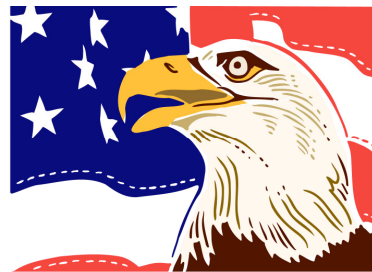
Check us out online!

If you have access to a computer, go to
www.huschurch.org



✈ Transportation provided by the Deacons ✈

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

A prayer for July 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

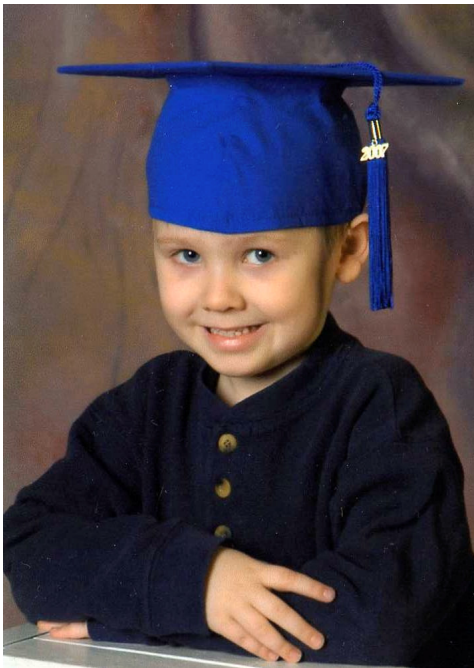
We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.



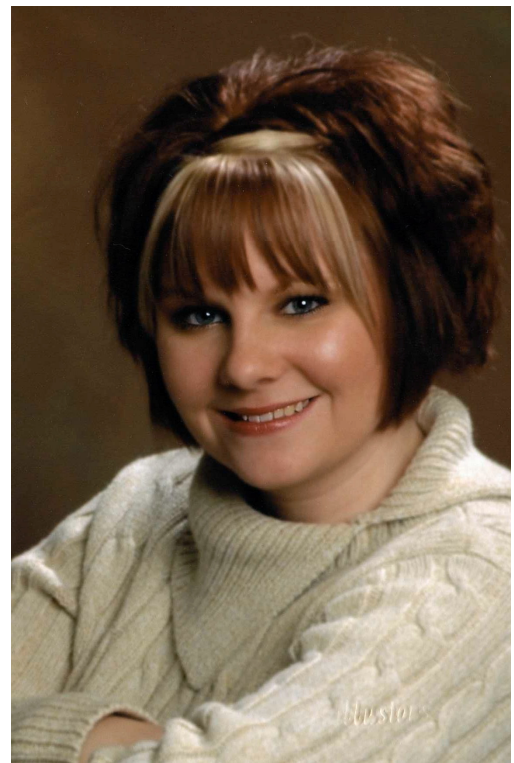
Miss Iowa Crowned!

On June 9th, Diana Reed was crowned our Miss Iowa. Diana has been the Golden Girl at the University of Iowa for the past five years and has been Brianna McAtee's coach and mentor. Brianna is Diana's Miss Iowa Princess. Next January they will be headed to the Miss America competition. Diana will be a wonderful representative for the state of Iowa!



Jackson Lee Trotman graduated from Cedar Christian Preschool in May. Jackson will be entering kindergarten this August at Van Buren Elementary.

Amanda Lynn Trotman graduated from Capri College. There is a ceremony on July 13th at 6:00 PM at Capri College.





THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, **MY FORTRESS** and **MY DELIVERER**; **MY GOD** is **MY ROCK**, in whom **I TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is **MY SHIELD** and the **HORN** of **MY SALVATION**, **MY STRONGHOLD**."

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GOD ROCKS.



THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)*
- An adult to help



What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. *After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."





Hi All,

Choices. So many choices. How do we know what to choose? If I choose this one I may find out that I wanted the other one. If I decide to go one place and have a miserable time did I make the wrong decision? How will I know if I made the right choice? Maybe I should just ignore it and hope that it goes away. Wait, if I do that I made a choice, a choice to not make a choice. There are just too many choices.

When I was in high school I had to make choices on what activities I wanted to be a part of. My doctor already made some choices for me. He told me that if I continued to play contact sports or throw a ball too much that I could eventually lose the use of my arms. That took out baseball and football. I did not wrestle. I did continue to play basketball, sort of. I was not very good so I spent a lot of time on the bench which was ok considering my motive for playing was to be in good shape at the beginning of the track season. In the long run this was a good choice because my freshman year I broke a 25 year old record for the 400 meter hurdles and I would go on to break my own record several times over the next 4 years. Just out of curiosity I checked my high schools website to see if the records were on there and they are! The record is no longer mine. The last time it was broken was in 2000. I knew it was going to happen and I am glad that it did. Records are made to be broken. I always looked at records as a benchmark to strive for and every time that a record is broken someone has the desire to break it.

In 8th grade I made the choice to go through confirmation, at least that is how I remember it. Maybe it was my parents helping me to get the "desire" to do it. Regardless of how I ended up there I ultimately made a choice to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Choices later in life would draw me away, not completely, but far enough that God was not the focal point of my life. I finally figured out that my choices (not all of them) were not living up to the benchmark that God had set for my life. Those choices had taken away the desire. Then one Friday night in September 2003 God got through and I once again desired to choose God. I finally knew where the benchmark was or so I thought. I prayed and with God's help set some goals. As soon as those goals were broken I found that God would raise the bar and I had a new benchmark to reach. That is how my walk with Him has been going. I like it because I now realize that He really does only give us what we can handle. Now most of my choices are good ones. I slip up just like everyone else does. The difference is that I really try to learn from those slip-ups and that helps me grow even more as a Christian. God has also shown me just how big He really is by using my choices, good and bad, in a variety of ways. Who knew that my experience in restaurants and with computers would come in so handy working in youth ministry? God did. He has had it under control the whole time, even when I felt like life was spinning out of control.

¹To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue. ²All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. ³Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. ⁴The LORD works out everything for his own ends—even the wicked for a day of disaster. ⁵The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. ⁶Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD a man avoids evil. ⁷When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him. ⁸Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. ⁹In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. (Proverbs 16:1-9 NIV)

What ever you choose, choose it with love and give it to God because He is going to make it work out in the end. Verse 9 says that we can make the plans but God guides our steps. If you desire to do what God wants and choose wisely you will break your own records and have a new benchmark to shoot for.

Because of Him ~ Terry

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 15:16 (NIV)

Upcoming Meetings

July

- **No youth group on July 4th.**
- Movie night is going on break until the fall. In it's place we are going to have a fun night. More information will be mailed out to parents the first week of July.
- On the 11th, 18th and 25th we will gather from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

July

4 th	Independence Day - NO Youth Group.
10 th	Seventh Day Slumber at the Linn County Fair.
14 th	2007 HRL Race #6. Registration at 9:30 AM. Racing at 10 AM.
23 rd	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 7 PM

Fellowship Activity: We will be starting to a monthly activity just to have fun. Watch your mailbox for information about the July activity!

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible Study at 10:00 AM at Mr. Bean's in Marion.

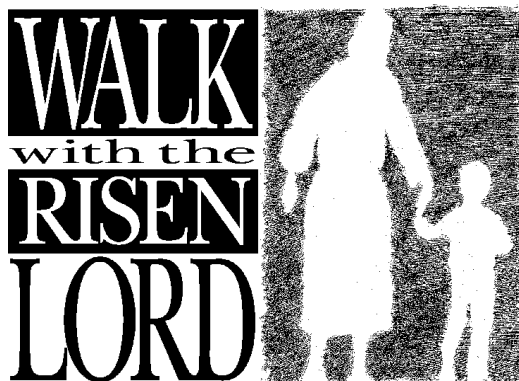
Every Friday: Breakfast Clubs are done for the school year. The Prairie Middle School group has decided to continue meeting during the summer. They will meet at the Blue Strawberry on C St. SW (across from Yellowbook USA and Aegon Financial Park) on Fridays at 1 PM.

Times subject to change.

A Moment With God

Hi God,


There are so many choices that we have to make each day. Help us Lord to make the right ones. When we make the wrong ones Lord help us to remember that You are still right beside us. It seems that the older we get the more choices there are to make. Not only that but there are constantly more choices to make because there are more and more things to do, to see and to buy. Remind us that making the choice to not do everything, to see everything or to buy everything is ok. Lord we pray that the choices that we do make help us to grow closer to You and that they give us an even greater desire to live the life that You would have us live. Thank you God for all that you have done for us and for all that you are going to do for us. We pray this in Your Son Jesus' precious name, Amen.



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July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Worship Service - 9:30 AM	2 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	3 Quilters - 8:30 AM	4 Office Closed 	5	6 Prairie Bible Study - 1 PM	7 Porter/Atkinson wedding at Asbury Methodist- 4:30 PM WOW at Mission of Hope- 6:30 PM
8 Worship Service - 9:30 AM	9 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	10 Quilters - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Deacons Meeting- 6:30 PM	11 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team- 6:45 PM	12	13 Prairie Bible Study - 1 PM Dámská meeting- 1 PM	14 Hus Racing League Registration- 9:30 AM Racing begins-10 AM
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